

Neighborhood Partnerships

ANNUAL REPORT 2009—2010

Neighborhood Partnerships [NP] strives to be a catalyst to help Oregon become the state we all value—a place that offers all Oregonians opportunities to thrive; a place with pathways out of poverty; a place where race and class inequities are addressed; a place that adequately supports public systems; and ultimately a place where we are acting together for the common good.

We recognize that the current climate makes achieving our vision challenging. Neighborhood Partnerships has undertaken, together with others, a concerted effort to re-frame the current conversation about Oregon, from one of scarcity, fear, and deficits to one of community, ingenuity, and problem-solving. Together we can rebuild the ladder of opportunity.

Neighborhood Partnerships builds and manages strong partnerships that fuel change and progress in our community. Each year, Neighborhood Partnerships impacts the lives of thousands of Oregonians through high profile collaborations and initiatives and through nurturing leaders across the state.

Neighborhood Partnerships creates opportunity for low income people where they live—in their urban neighborhoods and rural communities. All of what we do we is based on the strength of our partnerships with community leaders, other organizations, governments, funders, and contributors.

Catalyst: a dynamic force that sparks a chain reaction of thoughts, events, and the potential for extraordinary results.

2009-2010 Milestones Neighborhood Partnerships Catalyzes Economic Growth and Stability

Building financial assets creates economic stability for families. NP helps Oregonians build assets through the Oregon Individual Development Account [IDA] Initiative. Participants commit to a savings goal and receive rigorous financial education and counseling. When they reach their goal, their savings are matched and then they purchase their asset—a home, a business or special equipment to expand their business, or an education to improve their job skills. The entire community benefits in the end.

Portland State University called the Initiative “one of the strongest in the nation,” in a 2010 evaluation report.

They found that IDA graduates had significant and positive changes in their financial habits, including the increased use of budgets and savings. To view the entire evaluation, go to http://ida.neighborhoodpartnerships.org/assets/files/Oregon_IDA_Evaluation_2010.pdf

In 2009, NP raised \$4.7 million in donations eligible for the IDA 75% Oregon Tax Credit. The donations create a pool to match participant savings. By June 2010, 1,600 participants had become graduates of the IDA program. The generosity of contributors and the strong network of IDA community partners were essential in realizing these results.

Neighborhood Partnerships Catalyzes Thriving Communities

Bridges to Housing works to successfully support families out of homelessness and into stability. The nationally recognized Bridges to Housing [B2H] program serves high need families that are homeless in Clark, Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties in Oregon and Washington. The B2H model is an important part of the housing plus services continuum in each community, and serves families with multiple barriers to stability; three hundred families have been supported as of June 2010. B2H provides housing, intensive services, and child care to move families out of crisis

and keep future generations out of homelessness. B2H has raised nearly \$3.2 million in private funds, together with over \$25 million in public funds to support high need homeless families.



Janet Byrd (center) receiving NLIHC's 2009 State & Local Organizing Award on behalf of the Housing Alliance and Neighborhood Partnerships, with DeDe Carney, NLIHC Board of Directors (left) and Dung Ho, Community Alliance of Tenants (right)

Most importantly, Bridges to Housing works! Evaluation reports demonstrate improved outcomes for families and children including: improvements in stability in school and childcare settings for children; improvements in educational performance for children; decreased placement in foster care for children; decreased family mobility and decreased incidence of domestic violence. www.bridgestohousing.org.

Increasing investment in affordable housing builds strong and thriving communities. Through policy and advocacy work with the Oregon Housing Alliance, NP works to build strong and thriving communities across the state. We continue to

serve as the chair and convener for this statewide coalition, which educates policy makers about housing needs and advocates for increased investment in affordable housing.

The Housing Alliance won a dedicated revenue source for affordable housing in 2009. To date, these critical resources have increased access to affordable housing, prevented homelessness, helped first time homebuyers, and expanded the capacity of non-profit partners across the state that build and maintain affordable housing. The National Low Income Housing Coalition awarded the Oregon Housing Alliance and Neighborhood Partnerships the 2009 State & Local Organizing Award for this important work.

Neighborhood Partnerships Catalyzes Positive Change

NP invests in leadership development and movement building to create a strong voice for the most vulnerable across Oregon. In the face of the economic downturn advocates must be a unified voice to advance a vision of Oregon which offers its diversity of residents opportunities to thrive and pathways out of poverty and disenfranchisement, while supporting the necessary and adequately supported public systems to achieve these goals.

In 2009, we learned of the Public Works project of Demos. The project helps communities learn more effective ways to communicate about government and the economy. NP brought Patrick Brette of Demos to Portland in November 2009. He led valuable trainings focused on effectively talking about financial asset building and state and local revenue needs. The enthusiastic response led us to invite Patrick back in March 2010. His workshops to train a new group of advocates increased demand for more and deeper access to the tools and resources of strategic messaging. In late spring, we laid the groundwork for a larger more sustained effort, launched in the fall of 2010.

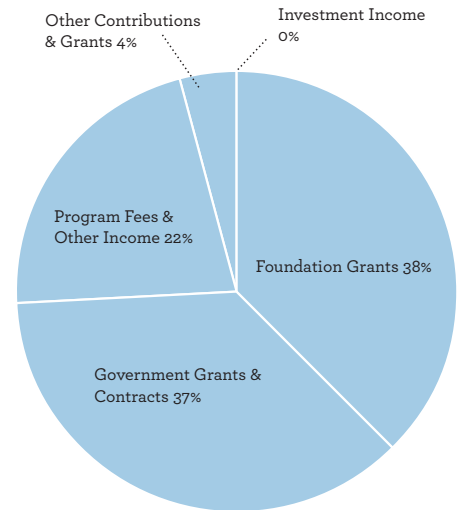
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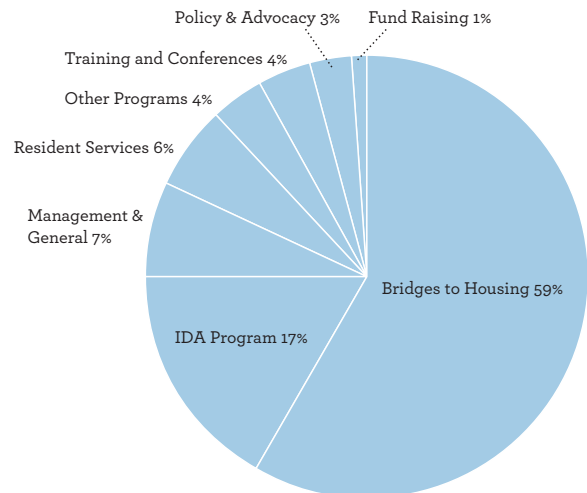
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TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUES IN 2009-2010

IDA Funds		
IDA Contributions Received	4,676,557	
IDA Grants Obligated or Paid	(4,288,797)	
Less Outstanding Designations	(387,760)	
Foundation Grants	823,000	38%
Government Grants & Contracts	800,124	37%
Program Fees & Other Income	475,597	22%
Other Contributions & Grants	82,845	4%
Investment Income	9,233	0%
	2,190,799	100%
Carryover to Next Fiscal Year	(148,101)	
	\$2,042,698	



TOTAL EXPENSES IN 2009-2010

Bridges to Housing	1,195,788	59%
IDA Program	347,466	17%
Management & General	137,717	7%
Resident Services	117,835	6%
Other Programs	79,247	4%
Training & Conferences	75,058	4%
Policy & Advocacy	69,294	3%
Fund Raising	20,293	1%
	\$2,042,698	100%

Please see website for annual audit and Form 990.